

November Newsletter

The monthly newsletter that celebrates our community.



Important Dates

Tuesday, November 8: Transition Information Night (for HS families), 6:00-8:00 p.m. (virtual)

Wednesday, November 9: Start of Special Olympics Basketball season

Wednesday and Thursday, November 9-10: MCAS ELA Retest

Thursday, November 10: All School Red, White, and Blue Day

Friday, November 11: NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day

Tuesday and Wednesday, November 15-16: MCAS Math Retest

Thursday, November 17: Partners in Education (PIE) Meeting, 9:00-10:00 a.m. (virtual)

Friday, November 18: Middle School Drama Club Performance, 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 23: Early Release, 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 24: NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 25: NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Holiday

Monthly Features

* * Student Spotlight * *

PJ Pothier: 10th Grade



Peter "PJ" Pothier is a 15 and a half year old tenth grader at Learning Prep. PJ joined our school community during the Summer of 2021 after attending the Wolf School in Rhode Island for middle school. PJ travels from his hometown of Pembroke to West Newton every day. In the classroom at LPS, he is focused, hard-working, and conscientious

PJ is not just a great student - he is also a student athlete. When PJ was 11, he ran his first 5K in Scituate, and a love of competitive running was born. Since that time, PJ has been a member of the Wolf School Cross Country team, and this year, he joined the Pembroke High School Cross Country team.

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* * PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT * *

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice Committee

By: DEIJ Team

This year, the DEIJ committee has been working on a few different initiatives.

First, we are working to more actively celebrate heritage, history, and pride months at Learning Prep. This first began with work towards celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, and we are now celebrating Native American Heritage Month. Our hallways are now decorated with flags, famous faces, and maps to inspire curiosity and conversation. We are incorporating educational materials that prioritize authentic voices and sources telling their own stories and histories.

Second, we are taking a developmental approach to staff training and professional development. The long-term goal is to incorporate learning standards from

* * LEADERSHIP BLOG * *

What are R.A.P.P. Grades?

By: Amy Davis, Principal



R.A.P.P. stands for (Responsibility, Approach, Participation & Progress). It is feedback that academic staff provide students in order to recognize areas of strength and areas of needed improvement. Strong communication is an essential part of the LPS program: not only communication with students, teachers, and counselors, but also communication with parents.

We know that feedback is an important component of success and goal sheets (for middle school only) and R.A.P.P. grades are a valuable tool we use to provide feedback in order to applaud successes and problem solve challenges.

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* * STAFF SPOTLIGHT * *

Kevin Tierney, High School Math



Where were you before you came to LPS?

Most recently, I taught in the special education department at Somerville High School for 3 years. It was there that I began to transition from teaching English as a Second Language to teaching

[Learning for Justice](#), a framework for anti-bias education, into our schoolwide curriculum. This framework is built around developmentally appropriate learning outcomes divided into the domains of identity, diversity, justice, and action. With all-staff trainings and within differentiated learning groups, staff members are working to build on the skills they already possess to get closer to our goals. We want LPS to be a school where all learners can feel respected for all parts of their identities, celebrate our community's diversity, recognize unjust actions and systems, and take action to make the world a more just place to live in.

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mathematics.

What is your favorite part of being an educator?

Any time I see a student able to do something they couldn't do before. For instance, if a student started the year unable to confidently do something like solve a three-step equation then they become able to do that it warms my heart! Additionally, it is wonderful watching students move from being able to do something with supports into becoming advanced or able to independently and confidently complete a task.

What shows are you currently binge watching?

Great British Bake Off - it's so delightful!

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Announcements & Reminders

[Click here for the weekly lunch menu](#)

New Snack Bar

The OT department will be opening the student-run Snack Bar, beginning next week! Students can buy snacks once a week during their regular lunch period for \$0.75. Limit of 2 snacks per person. Snacks are made by OT/Work Center students.

All proceeds benefit students' job and life skill development. All snacks are nut free. Current available snacks include: trail mix, granola bars, muddy buddies, cookies, chocolate covered pretzels, and mini muffins.

Any questions, please reach out to Mandy Nardone at anardone@learningprep.org

Grade Level Parent Announcements

We are thrilled to announce our grade level parents for this school year. The main role of grade level parents is to organize and create social and fun opportunities for families and students.

The 2022-23 grade level parents are:

12th grade - Stacey Suckerman

11th grade - Roslyn Michelson and Laurel Hollinden

10th grade - still looking - anyone interested should email Amy Davis

9th grade - Meredith Lopez

8th grade - Christina Chatalian

7th grade - Katherine Munz

6th grade - Lauren Timmons

5th grade - Amy Domow and Christie War

Transition Information Night - for High School Parents

Join us on Zoom on November 8th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

A panel of professionals will be available to discuss post-graduation planning and address common transition topics, including:

State Agency Services :: Guardianship :: IDEA vs ADA :: Transition Assessments

Please RSVP to Abby Heath at atheath@learningprep.org

Click this zoom link to join the event:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87896221169>

LPS Special Olympics Basketball

Open to High School Students

Start Date - November 9 :: Where - LPS Gym :: When - 2:45-4:00 p.m. :: Cost - \$25

What you need to bring:

A positive team attitude :: Secure footwear :: A water bottle :: A snack for practice.

The season runs from November to March for 14 weeks

Skills and Drill Camp will be *November 12, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.* at St. John's Prep, Danvers

Games will be held January and February at Danvers Sports Complex - dates to follow

End of season will be mid-March - an end of season banquet will be held

Additional important dates to follow

For questions, please contact Katya Farrell at katyagard@gmail.com or via cell at 617-306-9322

Anti Bullying Presentation for Parents

Please Join Us Wednesday, November 9, 8:30-9:30 a.m. [Via Zoom](#)

Topics Include:

*LPS Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan :: What bullying is, what it isn't
LPS' anti-bullying curricula :: How to reinforce bully prevention curriculum at home ::
Online safety and cyberbullying*

Presented By:

Susan Smith Powers, Dean of Students & Anti-Bullying Designee, MS
Amy Plante, Assistant Principal & Anti-Bullying Designee, HS

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82534350468>

[2022-2023 Calendar](#)

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[Family Directory](#)

The [2022-2023 School Year Calendar](#) is now available (updated 5/12/22)

The next Parent Advisory Group (PAG) meeting is *Thursday, December 15th from 9:00-10:00 a.m.*

To join, [click here for the zoom link](#)

Please [click here](#) for the minutes from last week's PAG meeting.

Is available via DIRECTORYSPOT. To access:

Download [DirectorySpot](#) from the app store.

Enter your email address as the username.

Click RESET PASSWORD

Know someone who would benefit from LPS?

If you know someone who may be looking for a place like LPS, please encourage them to attend one of our weekly, Virtual Information Sessions - encourage them to reach out to [Pat Pingeton!](#)

School Store

Show off your Panther Pride over the summer by shopping at our [school store!](#)



Parent Facebook Group

Join our private Facebook group just parents and guardians called: *LPS Panther Parents & Families Group.*

Click this link to join!
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/803852983897093>

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